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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Djamel MOKTEFI (Algeria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 11th, 15th, 18th, 19th and 59th meetings, on 22, 28 and 31 October and 3 November 1997 and 27 March 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.11, 15, 18, 19 and 59).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996 and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;¹

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1996-1997 and the indicative list for 1997-1998 (A/52/559 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/52/206);

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/51/34) and Ibid., Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/52/34).

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1997-1998 and the preliminary programme of work for 1998-1999 (A/52/267).

4. At the 11th meeting, on 22 October, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement and introduced the report of the Unit.²

II. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED
BY THE CHAIRMAN

5. At the 59th meeting, on 27 March, the Chairman of the Committee orally proposed a draft decision entitled "Joint Inspection Unit", which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of agenda item 118, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" to the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

² Ibid., Fifty-second session, Supplement No. 34 (A/52/34).



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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 54th and 59th meetings, on 20 and 27 March 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.54 and 59).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/730/Add.1 and Add.2) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/816 and Corr.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/52/L.30

4. At the 59th meeting, on 27 March 1998, the representative of Ghana introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" (A/C.5/52/L.30) submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.30 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the most recent of which was resolution 1133 (1997) of 20 October 1997,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/2 B of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Referendum Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

¹ A/52/730/Add.1 and Add.2.

² A/52/816 and Corr.1.

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Mission on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 54,513,290 United States dollars, representing 19 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 20 April 1998, notes that some 12 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions² and notes that paragraph 7 of that report is neither an observation nor a recommendation;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the operational requirements of such posts;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 17,172,300 dollars gross (15,989,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 9,300,500 dollars gross (8,478,100 dollars net) already authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the period from 1 November 1997 to 31 March 1998 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and in addition to the amount of 30,229,800 dollars gross (28,430,400 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 under the provisions of Assembly resolution 51/2 B;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 11,077,300 dollars gross (10,309,500 dollars net) for the period ending 20 April 1998 among Member States, taking into account the amount of 24,351,780 dollars gross (22,902,270 dollars net) already assessed for the same period under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/2 B, in accordance with

the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996, and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 of 22 December 1997;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 767,800 dollars approved for the period ending 20 April 1998, taking into account the amount of 1,449,510 dollars already approved for the same period;

11. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 6,095,000 dollars gross (5,679,800 dollars net) for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998 among Member States at the monthly rates indicated in the annex to the present resolution, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, and subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 20 April 1998;

12. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 415,200 dollars approved for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. Decides to keep under review during its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

ANNEX

Monthly assessments for the operation of the United Nations
Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period
from 21 April to 30 June 1998

Month	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
April 1998 (balance)	743 000	683 700
May 1998	2 677 900	2 500 000
June 1998	2 674 100	2 496 100
Total	6 095 000	5 679 800



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OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTANReport of the Fifth CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Djamel MOKTEFI (Algeria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 54th and 58th meetings, on 20 and 26 March 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.54 and 58).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/772/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/817).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/52/L.25

4. At the 58th meeting, on 26 March, the Rapporteur of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan" (A/C.5/52/L.25), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.25 without a vote (see para. 6).



III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the most recent of which was resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, by which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission and extended its mandate,

Recalling also its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decision thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

¹ A/52/772/Add.1.

² A/52/817.

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 3,232,333 United States dollars, representing 12 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 15 May 1998, notes that some 12 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;
2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;
4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;
5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²
6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;
7. Decides, taking into account the commitment authority provided by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan a total amount of 15,000,000 dollars gross (14,335,000 dollars net) for the expansion of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of \$8,275,700 gross (\$7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237;
8. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 5,379,440 dollars gross (5,290,960 dollars net) for the period ending 15 May 1998 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and 52/215 of 22 December 1997 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1997 and 1998, as set out in its resolutions 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and 52/215, respectively, in addition to the amount of 7,241,241 dollars gross (6,756,141 dollars net) already apportioned for the period ending 15 May 1998;

9. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 2,379,319 dollars gross (2,287,899 dollars net) for the period from 16 May to 30 June 1998 among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 8 above, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 15 May 1998;

10. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the total estimated staff assessment income of 665,000 dollars approved for the period ending 30 June 1998;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. Decides to keep under review during its fifty-second session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".
